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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

Morning Meeting of 13 October 1965

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[] of OCI gave a background briefing on Laos.

R. J. Smith noted that Kasavubu had dismissed Tshombe, and Kimba has been designated to succeed Tshombe. (See Action 1)

Smith also briefed on the situation in Uruguay and reported that a memorandum on this subject had been circulated.

DD/S reported on the crash of a helicopter near Pakse in Laos. Two staff employees were aboard. The wreckage has been spotted but status of the employees is not known now.

DD/S reported on the successful fire drill yesterday.

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IG reported that he will soon begin a survey on Agency procurement programs. DCI suggested that the IG consult with [] before carrying out the survey. Executive Director said he would call [] to make arrangements.

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Warner reported that Agency officers are briefing Representative Callaway who is planning a trip to the USSR.

ADDP reported that Senator Brewster, following briefings in Danang, is reported to be dissatisfied with Agency programs in Vietnam.

ADDP reported that steps are being taken to press the State Department for reversal of a decision made last night against permitting search efforts for a []

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ADDP reported that AID continues to drag feet on the proposed []

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ADDP reported that USAF and USN strike aircraft in SEA can in fact read beacons which are available for dropping into Laos. Army aircraft cannot.

ACTIONS:

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2. DCI noted that the Stanford Research Institute has completed a study of the prospects for Communist China as a nuclear power. It is a study said to be based on unique analytical methods and was prepared for Secretary McNamara. Discussion of this subject indicated that the Stanford Research Institute has also completed a study of NIKE-X as a means to cope with any Chinese ICBM. DIA has completed an intelligence assessment of Chinese missile prospects. DCI requests Agency analysis of these matters. (DD/I, in collaboration with DD/S&T -- 29 October)

3. DDCI noted that application of security criteria in dealing with [REDACTED] categories rests upon a Presidential letter going back as far as 1960. He requests a fresh analysis of these categories. Executive Director is to be informed, by memo, of the nature of this problem, particularly as it relates to opening up the reconnaissance field in an effort to move ahead with disarmament. (DD/S and DD/I -- memo to Executive Director by 15 October)

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